IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: SYSTEM FOR ASSISTING THE OPERATOR OF

A TECHNICAL APPLIANCE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 2, insert:

-- BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention--;

Page 2, delete the first full paragraph (lines 9-10);

Page 2, line 11, insert:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 6, line 12, insert:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;

Page 6, line 23, insert:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION -- .

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